Pulse

Episode 25

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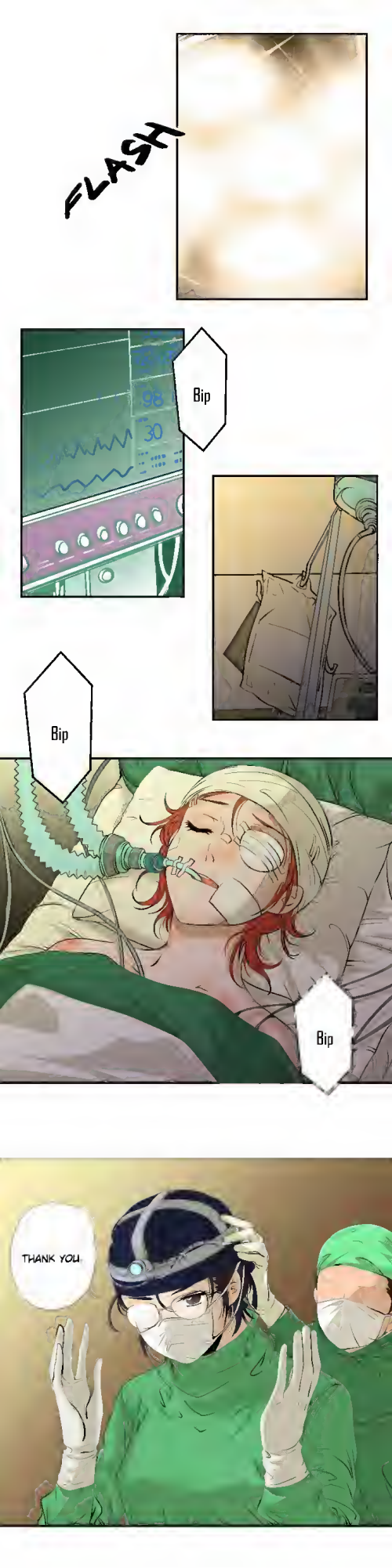
FLASH
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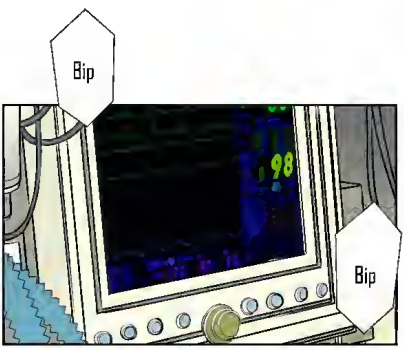
THANK YOU.

NOW THEN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...
LET US BEGIN THE OPERATION.
SCALPEL.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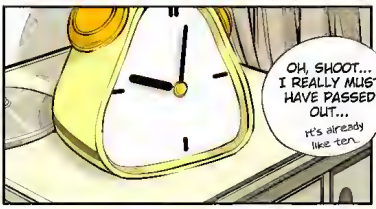
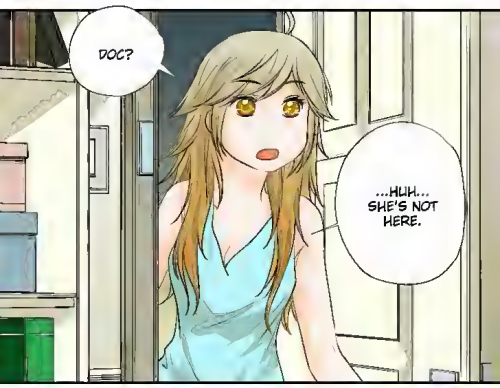
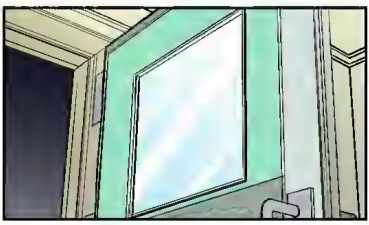

OH, SHOOT... I REALLY MUST HAVE PASSED OUT...
It's already like ten.


DOC?
...HUH... SHE'S NOT HERE.

DON'T TELL ME... IS THE OPERATION STILL GOING...?

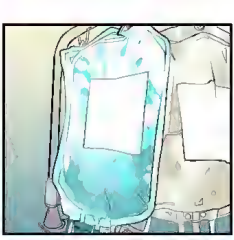
Oofh...

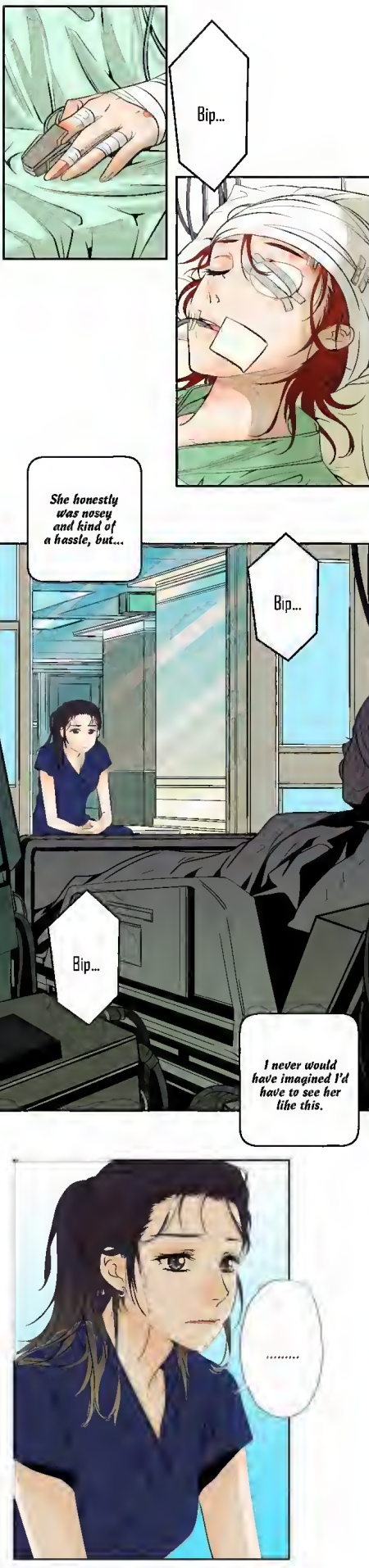
LET'S SUTURE UP THE INCISION AND THEN TAKE HER TO THE ICU TO MONITOR HER CONDITION.
ALRIGHT. WE'RE DONE HERE.
YES, DOCTOR.



Even if the operation went fairly smoothly...

Grace isn't out of the red just yet... She's going to need close observation.




Bip...
She honestly was nosey and kind of a hassle, but...
Bip...
Bip...
I never would have imagined I'd have to see her like this.
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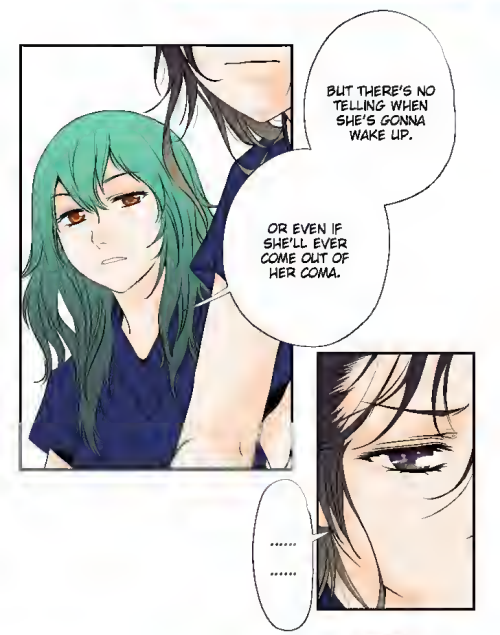
GO GET SOME REST, MEL.
YOU'VE BEEN SITTING HERE FOR HOURS NOW. YOU KNOW THAT?
THINGS AREN'T GOING TO GET ANY BETTER JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE KEEPING WATCH OVER HER.
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S GOING TO WAKE UP ANY TIME SOON, EITHER WAY.
I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT THIS SORT OF THING COULD HAPPEN TO HER, THOUGH.
HER INJURIES ARE SURPRISINGLY SEVERE, EVEN FOR ME...

SHE TOOK A HARD BLOW... BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA TO THE HEAD.
THERE WAS EPIDURAL HEMORRHAGING IN THE SKULL. SHE WAS BLEEDING INTERNALLY.

I MEAN, YOU PATCHED HER UP THE BEST YOU COULD.


BUT THERE'S NO TELLING WHEN SHE'S GONNA WAKE UP.
OR EVEN IF SHE'LL EVER COME OUT OF HER COMA.
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WE'VE DONE OUR DUTY TO THE EXTENT OF OUR ABILITY, AS SURGEONS.
...IT'S BEST YOU DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF FOR ONCE. GO HOME. SLEEP. WHATEVER.
THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF THING A DOCTOR LIKE YOU SHOULD BE SITTING AROUND DOING.
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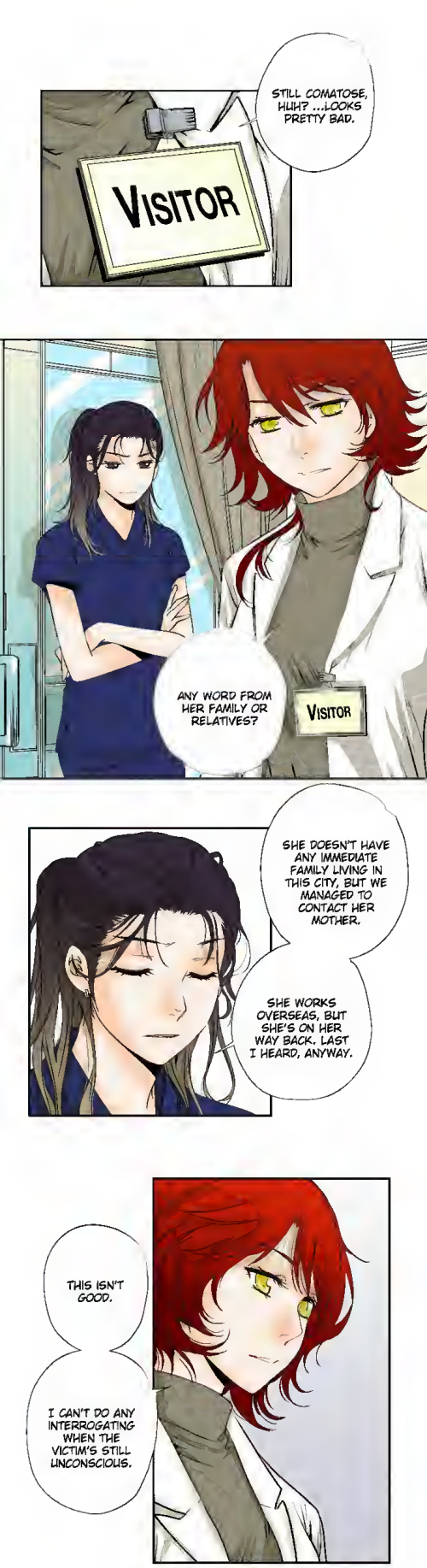
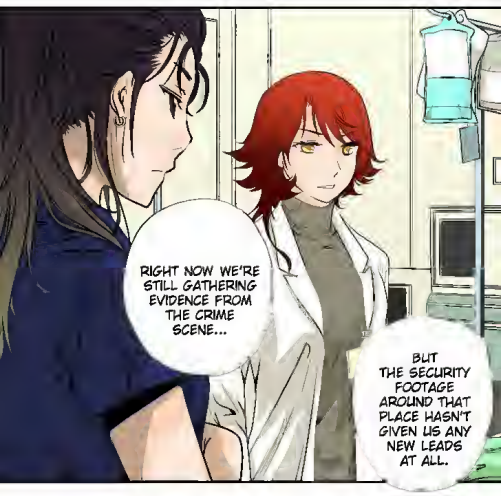
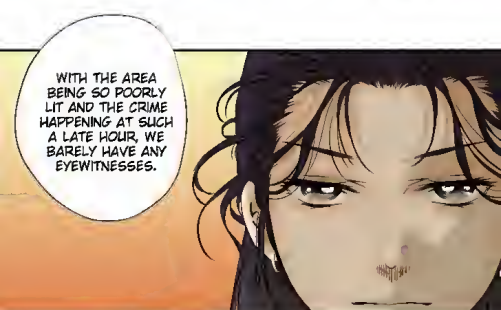
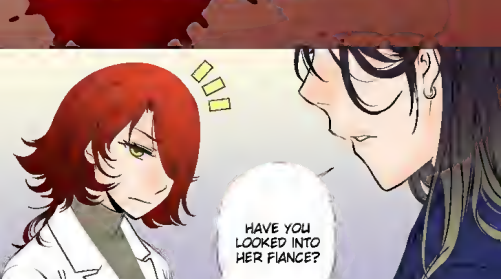
HELLO. I'M OFFICER CRYSTAL GALE AND I'M HERE TO INVESTIGATE GRACE ROSSI'S CASE.
WOULD IT BE ALRIGHT IF I COULD SEE HER AND SPEAK TO HER CARETAKERS?
ONE MOMENT, PLEASE--I'LL CONTACT THE DOCTORS.
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, NURSE.
Uhk..!?
ONE DOCTOR WILL BE ENOUGH FOR THIS.
I WILL BE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOMPANYING AND SUPERVISING OFFICER GALE DURING HER TIME HERE.


VISITOR
STILL COMATOSE, HUH? ...LOOKS PRETTY BAD.
ANY WORD FROM HER FAMILY OR RELATIVES?
VISITOR
SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY IMMEDIATE FAMILY LIVING IN THIS CITY, BUT WE MANAGED TO CONTACT HER MOTHER.
SHE WORKS OVERSEAS, BUT SHE'S ON HER WAY BACK. LAST I HEARD, ANYWAY.
THIS ISN'T GOOD.
I CAN'T DO ANY INTERROGATING WHEN THE VICTIM'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS.


RIGHT NOW WE'RE STILL GATHERING EVIDENCE FROM THE CRIME SCENE...
BUT THE SECURITY FOOTAGE AROUND THAT PLACE HASN'T GIVEN US ANY NEW LEADS AT ALL.


WITH THE AREA BEING SO POORLY LIT AND THE CRIME HAPPENING AT SUCH A LATE HOUR, WE BARELY HAVE ANY EYEWITNESSES.

SO I THOUGHT THAT HEARING IT DIRECTLY FROM HER WOULD'VE BEEN MY BEST BET.
WORST PART IS WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND ANY CLUES ON THE CAR THAT CAUSED THIS, OR ITS OWNER.


HAVE YOU LOOKED INTO HER FIANCE?

FROM WHAT I WAS TOLD, SOMEONE SAID THEY WERE HAVING AN ARGUMENT.
INSIDE A RESTAURANT, BEFORE THE INCIDENT.

YEAH, ALREADY TOOK HIM IN FOR QUESTIONING.
VISITOR

HE CONFIRMED THAT THEY DID HAVE A FIGHT IN THAT DINER.
AND THE VICTIM TOOK OFF ON HER OWN AND LEFT HIM THERE

TWO HOURS PASS. WE GET A CALL FROM SOMEONE ABOUT A VEHICULAR ACCIDENT
THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF DISTANCE BETWEEN HER APARTMENT AND WHERE THAT ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH.

ONE MORE THING-- WE DUG UP HIS PAST CRIMINAL RECORDS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE, ALL TO WOMEN.
SO I'M PINNING HIM AS THE MAIN SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.
THING IS, HE'S GOT AN ALIBI- A WITNESS WHO COULD VOUCH THAT HE WAS AT HOME WHEN IT HAPPENED.
THAT SLEAZEBALL KNOWS THAT EVERYTHING'S IN THE EVIDENCE AND WITNESS TESTIMONY. WITHOUT THAT, HE'S INNOCENT 'TIL PROVEN GUILTY.
WITH OUR HANDS TIED, ALL WE COULD DO WAS ASK HIM A FEW QUESTIONS AND LET HIM GO.
BUT HE STILL HAS A MOTIVE FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER... I'M NOT DROPPING THIS LEAD JUST YET.
CRYSTAL. I NEED TO ASK A FAVOR OF YOU... AS A FRIEND.

I WANT YOU TO GIVE ME ALL THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CASE.
AND ALL THE DIRT YOU HAVE ON TOM HUMES.

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